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JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Qwest Corporation, AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., through their respective counsel, jointly move for a Commission order extending the time for an additional fortyfive days from the current January 22, 2001, deadline in which

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to file written comments in response to the Procedural Order dated December 3, 2001. As grounds, the joint movants state as

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On December 20, 2001, the Commission granted the motion for extension of time filed by Citizens Communications Company, thereby extending the deadline for responses to the December 3, 2001, Procedural Order to January 22, 2002. For the reasons stated below, the joint movants respectfully move for an additional 45 days, up to and including March 8, 2002, in which to respond to the Procedural Order.

The December 3, 2001, Procedural Order contemplates a 2.

historic change in the method and structure of intercarrier 1 2 compensation for regulated carriers. The existing regime of 3 access charges and intercarrier compensation is rooted in pre-4 divestiture and pre-Telecommunications Act regulatory schemes 5 that no longer further the policies of recent law or this 6 Commission. Reform of existing intercarrier compensation 7 methodologies will tremendously impact several vital policy 8 goals of this Commission. These include, without limitation, 9 competitive 10 the Commission's promotion of markets, 11 investments, fair rate structures, affordable universal service, 12 and service quality.

- 3. Certainly, intercarrier compensation influences numerous aspects of regulated telecommunications. The questions raised in the December 3, 2001, Procedural Order accurately reflect the complexity of access charge reform and intercarrier compensation and their correlation with other telecommunications For example, the Hearing Division seeks input on the are following issues that raised by potential reform of intercarrier compensation structures and mechanisms:
  - A. Should the Commission address both switched and special access in an access charge reform proceeding.
  - B. Whether switched access charges and the CCL element in particular contain implicit subsidies.

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- C. What is the measure of cost for quantifying implicit subsidies and for setting intrastate rates.
- What is the extent that implicit subsides exist access charges.
- Ε. Should access charges be set at the unbundled network elements for the same network elements and functionality.
- What are the dollar amounts paid and received for F. switched access by rate element, by month, period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001.
- G. there differences the Are in costs of providing interstate and intrastate switched access services.
- Η. the relationship among intrastate What is charge reform, the Arizona Universal Service mechanism, the FCC's intercarrier compensation docket, and the FCC's CALLS Decision.
- Should the Commission address CLEC and rural carrier I. access charges as part of this Docket.
- J. What is the effect of access charge reform on Qwest's Price Cap Plan and on Owest's Tariff Introduce a New Rate Structure for an Access Service in Docket No. T-01051B-01-0391.
- In short, the issues and effects of access charge intercarrier compensation are very complex reform and critically important for all members of the telecommunications industry and consumers in Arizona. And, in order to provide the analysis, planning, and detail requested in the Procedural Order, the joint movants require additional time. The joint movants suggest that additional time to study these matters will result in more productive responses and data that the Commission

reform charges and establish utilize to access intercarrier compensation regime that will impact telecommunications for many years into the future. The joint movants therefore believe that an additional forty-five days up to and including March 8, 2002, are necessary to respond to the December 3, 2001, Procedural Order. The movants also request that the schedule for Staff's proposed recommendations, further responsive comments from the parties, and the February 5, 2002, procedural conference be adjusted and moved a commensurate forty-five days.

5. The undersigned is authorized to sign and file this joint motion on behalf of the named parties.

WHEREFORE, Qwest Corporation and AT&T Communications of the Mountain States, Inc., respectfully and jointly move for an order extending the time for an additional forty-five days up to and including March 8, 2002, in which to provide written comments in response to the December 3, 2001 Procedural Order, and that the remaining proceedings in this docket be adjusted and moved forty-five days into the future.

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